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Watering Limited to Once Every Two Weeks; Fines Up To \$2,000

Watering Schedule Below

Wylie, TX, June 12, 2014 – Members of Wylie City Council adopted an ordinance June 10 restricting landscape watering to every other week, consistent with the direction of the North Texas Municipal Water District. It also clarifies and defines enforcement measures that can be taken for those in violation.

Due to long-term drought conditions, NTMWD and the City of Wylie have extended every-other-week landscape watering through October on trash pickup day. The newly adopted ordinance enables the city to issue fines for violators. Following a written warning for the first violation, the judge may issue a fine up to \$2,000 for each subsequent violation.

If a person has three or more violations, a flow restrictor may be installed to limit the amount of water to the property, and, if convicted of four or more, water service may be discontinued with a \$500 reconnection charge.

Even with recent rainfall, the hot summer months are beginning with lake levels extremely low for this time of year. Lavon Lake, NTMWD's primary water supply, was 11.47 feet below the normal conservation level as of June 5, more than 4 feet lower than it was this time last year. The lake now stands at only 51.1 percent capacity compared to 67 percent. During the summer months, reservoirs can drop as much as 10 feet in elevation due to evaporation and increased usage.

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NTMWD and the City of Wylie are urging customers to conserve water use; if hot weather and low rainfall trends continue, fines, higher water prices and even more severe restrictions may be necessary.

More tips and water-conserving strategies can be found at waterIQ.org and visit NTMWD.com for lake levels and other information. Complete details on the Stage 3 water restrictions and a copy of the watering ordinance can be found at WylieTexas.gov.

Download the GOREquest Android or Apple app to report violations or call 972-442-7588.

Watering Schedule Based on Trash Pick-Up Day				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
06/30	06/24	06/18	06/26	06/20
07/14	07/08	07/02	07/10	07/04
07/28	07/22	07/16	07/24	07/18
08/11	08/05	07/30	08/07	08/01
08/25	08/19	08/13	08/21	08/15
09/08	09/02	08/27	09/04	08/29
09/22	09/16	09/10	09/18	09/12
10/06	09/30	09/24	10/02	09/26
10/20	10/14	10/08	10/16	10/10
	10/28	10/22	10/30	10/24

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About Wylie -- Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 44,158) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the State of Texas with a 192% increase since 2000.